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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Egidio RENNA

Serial No. 10/009,976 (PCT/EP00/05467 Refund Section Accounting Division Office of Finance

Filed December 17, 2001

PLUG FOR SUCKING A BEVERAGE

REQUEST FOR REFUND

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir.

Applicant hereby claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27 and requests that 1/2 of the original filing fee, namely \$582.00 be credited to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 as this claim is filed within the three-month term.

Respectfully submitted,

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